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# £450k grant for 'People's Museum' plan

BY LAUREN ARCHELL lauren.archell@lutononsunday.co.uk

A BID for funding to help secure the future of Wardown Park Museum has been accepted by

the Arts Council England. Luton Culture will now receive £450,000 which will be used to establish how the Museum can sustain itself, ahead of cuts to its

funding in March 2015. The money will be spent over two years on what is being called the People's Museum Project, an initiative which aims to get all sections of the community talk-ing about what services they want the facility to provide. Karen Perkins, director of

museums and arts at Luton Culture, said: "We are delighted to have secured this money and are so excited about getting our People's Museum Project off the ground.

The first year of the project will involve asking all members of the community, businesses, schools and organisations what they want us to do.

"We can sit here and come up with lots of ideas about what we think will work in the museum,



**FUNDING: Wardown Park Museum** has been allocated £450,000

but there is not point if that isn't what the wider community want to see here.

"In the second year there will be lots of taster events taking place which will put the ideas into practice to see what works.

"It could be that we host gigs and theatre performances, could be that we have late night openings – it could be that people don't really want this building to remain as a museum

'The reality is that with cuts to

our funding coming in the near future, we have to try and find a way of bringing in more money and creating a more sustainable business model."

Luton Culture is also putting together a bid for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, which would be used to com-pletely renovate the ground floor of the building. Karen Perkins added: "The

impression I have received is that the museum and the exhibits about local history are really important to the town, and maybe there is some way we can really build on that and protect it for the future

We really hope that people will want to get involved, share their skills and collaborate to create something special.'

Residents interested in becoming part of the People's Museum Project can sign up at www. lutonculture.com.

An official campaign promoting the initiative will be launched later this year.

- Is Wardown Park Museum important to you? What could the venue do to attract you to it?



COLOURFUL: The streets of Luton will be packed with spectacular floats and costumes

## Everyone's ready for the carnival day fun!

THE costumes are completed, the dance routines have been rehearsed and all that is left to do now is get into the party mood as Luton is gripped by carnival fever.

Over 50,000 people are expected to head into the town centre today, to

enjoy one of the largest one-day

carnivals in Europe.
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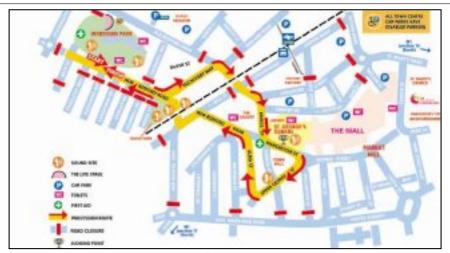
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# Party on down to the carnival parade today!

#### BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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DUST off your whistles and get ready to party as today is the day of the Luton International Carnival.

The highlight of event will be the dazzling carnival parade, which leaves Wardown Park at 1:30pm and winds its way around the town centre, showcasing the breath-taking vibrant costumes, masquerade bands, uplifting music and dances.

The parade will stop at St

Georges Square at 2.30pm where

all the groups will be judged on their costumes and dance routines.
Aside from the stunning

parade, the other huge attraction is the live stage at Wardown Park which will feature international reggae sensation Peter Hunnigale, the UK's number one touring samba band Rhythms of the City, soca star Scrappy and blistering riffs from local fivepiece rock band Charlie Indestructible.

Luton Sounds Forum will provide the music for seven sound sites which play a wide range of music including funky house, drum & bass, jazz and urban music between 12pm and 6pm.

Wardown Park will have its usual selection of food stalls plus attractions including rides and craft stalls.

Pax Nindi, artistic director of Luton International Carnival said: "This year's carnival will show off Luton's rich cultural heritage and unique creativity.

"Expect a truly spectacular parade and a fantastic day out for all the family!

#### CarnivalTimetable

#### **GUIDE TO THE LIVE MUSIC STAGES**

- Wardown Park: soca and reggae
- Wardown Park: funky house/ drum & bass
- Moor Park: all styles
- Leftfield (Moor Park): carnival, reggae, old skool house and jungle
- New Bedford Road: all styles
- Gordon Street: urban
- St George's Square: world music, salsa and jazz

#### THE LIVE STAGE – WARDOWN PARK

- 12.05pm to 12.20pm Teela2u.
- 12.25pm to 12.55pm Charlie Indestructible (rock)
- 1.10pm to 1.50pm Mangoseed, (ska/funk/rock)
- 2.30pm to 3.00pm Scrappy (soca)
- 3.15pm to 4.00pm Heritage Surival Band (afropop)
- 4.15pm to 4.45pm Peter Hunnigale (reggae)
- 5.00pm to 5.45pm Rhythms of the City (samba)

#### YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The parade leaves Wardown Park at 1.30pm
- Judging of costumes and dance routines will take place in St George's Square at 2.30pm

### For all carnival news **Visit luton**dunstable.co.uk

### See all the fun online at luton-dunstable.co.uk

HERE at Luton on Sunday, we are proud to have such a large event happening in our town.
That's why we will be publish-

ing pictures and videos straight from Luton International Carnival on www.luton-dunstable.co.uk.

If you can't be there in person, make sure you keep an eye on the website and our Facebook and Twitter sites, for the best of the day's action as it happens.

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If you are there, why not get involved? Send us your carnival snaps on Facebook and Twitter, using the hashtag #lutoncarnival to feature in our online coverage of the event

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have strongly advised all carnival goers to either travel on foot use public transport as many of the roads going into the town centre will be closed off.

Disabled parking is available in Wardown Park and in all Luton town centre car parks.
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made that dogs will not be allowed in either Wardown Park or Moor Park during the hours of the carnival





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## ingers crossed for gospel choir

ALL eyes will be on Britain's Got Talent this evening (Sunday), to see whether a Luton-based choir make it through to the live semi-finals.

Gospel Singers Incognito sailed through their first audition, wowing all of the talent show judges in the opening show of the series.

The group, with members from Luton, London and Hitchin, put on a flashmob-style performance with singers joining in from different sections of the stage as the song progressed.

Tonight's episode of Britain's Got Talent will show Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, David Walliams and Alesha Dixon making some tough decisions as to which acts make it through to the semi-finals, and one step closer to performing at the Royal Variety Show

in front of the Queen.
Patrick George, pastor at the Breath of
Life Ministries church in Dunstable who led the choir, has said that the support that the group has received since the first programme was aired has been 'unbelievable', adding that he was asked



TALENTED: Gospel Singers Incognito wowed the Britain's Got Talent judges in the first round of the competition. Can they repeat the performance tonight?

to sign his first autograph this week A message posted on the Gospel Singers Incognito Twitter page on Friday says: "Bring on the weekend!!!! #staytuned."

Tune in to Britain's Got Talent tonight at 8pm on ITV to see the result.

For all of the reaction to the decision visit www.luton-dunstable.co.uk, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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# 'Luton needs you' say peace rally organisers

BY CARL MUNGAZI

COMMUNITY leaders planning another peace rally have urged the community to present a united front

in the face of gun crime in the town. Lenos Wilson, from the Non-Violence Alliance, and Delaney Brown Snr have said the event, planned for June 22 at 12-2pm outside the Town Hall, was about telling residents in that 'Luton needs you'.

Their call comes three weeks after

the last peace rally on May 5. Since then there have been three more shootings, including a 16-year-old shot in the back in Marsh Farm on May 11 and a man shot in the leg after a car collision on Monday.

Mr Brown Snr, whose grandson

Delaney Brown was murdered last year, said young people in the town needed to be 'aware' of the help that was available for them. He said: "We need young people to

become aware that people in the community want to help support them and develop a better community. They don't have to go into their own little environment.

"They need to know that they are able to connect with different community groups and different associations covering a variety of different things they can get involved in.

His sentiments were echoed by Mr Wilson, who said residents had to work together because crime affected everyone in the community.

He said: "We are hoping that we can bring more awareness about what's

happening so people can become more watchful with one another. "We need to start looking after one another and being more observant with our own neighbours so that we

Police officers investigating firearm incidents in the town have made a

number of arrests. A man in his 20s was held on Tuesday in connection with Monday's shooting on Leicester Road.

Further arrests were also made on Wednesday, including a man appre-hended in connection with the Culverhouse Road shooting on May 5 and two people found with cash and

what is believed to be Class A drugs.
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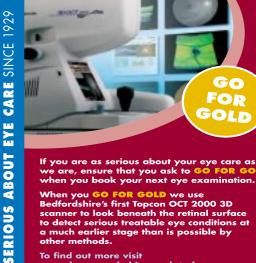
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# Officials introduce WEBUY new procedures

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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NEW procedures put in place after an 88-year-old woman with dementia was left on a bus overnight for 14 hours will ensure a similar incident can never happen again, a council official has said.

Colin Chick, a corporate director at Luton Council, said the authority now required drivers to check and fasten seatbelts once they have returned to depot to make sure buses were empty.

Last week council driver Susan McLaughlin, 43, above *left,* was cleared of neglect at Luton Crown Court after Joan Cook, an Alzheimer's sufferer, was left on her minibus overnight. No one at her care home

realised she was missing.
Other changes made since the incident include re-training for drivers every three years and extra checks by staff at sheltered housing schemes.



Mr Chick said: "When we are responsible for moving vul-nerable people we have high standards for doing that and we have to make sure that those high standards are being met.

Following the court case Mrs McLaughlin's solicitor has said he feels there should have been greater focus on how Mrs Cook's absence was not picked up by other individuals.

from Akhtar Khushi.

Bedfords Solicitors, pictured above, said there should have been 'a comprehensive review of procedures at both the bus depot and the care home' instead of Mrs McLaughlin

being 'singled out'.

He added: "I felt from the outset that there would come a time when the case would collapse and attention would then turn to how things went wrong and who properly be blamed.

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## **Gnomes are back in favour**

THERE is one young man who is very pleased that garden gnomes were welcomed at the Chelsea Flower Show for the first time this year.

Ruben Smith-Stone, *pic-tured*, aged four, is a big fan of gnomes and has a 20-strong collection in a variety of shapes and sizes.

The youngster, who keeps his gnomes in an outside den, received his first after a trip to

a garden centre. Mum, Michelle Smith, said: "I don't know where it comes from but Ruben is just fascinated by gnomes, and is always on the lookout for new additions to his collection.



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LUTON'S mayor, Sheila Rođen, was sworn in at a council meeting this week.

Born in Colwyn Bay in North Wales, Cllr Roden has had a well-travelled life, living for two years in America with her husband, Alan,

The pair moved to Luton in 1982,

attracted by the town's vibrancy and energy. The follow-ing year, she joined the Labour party.

Cllr Roden has represented Leagrave since 1993 and has never been afraid to get her hands dirty and has joined volunteers in cleaning out the River Lea and painting fences

Speaking after her appointment Cllr Roden said: "I am delighted to have

been elected as Mayor of Luton. "It will be a fantastic opportunity to meet local people from all areas of the town, and I am really looking forward to my year in the role."



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# **High Town vice** petition debated

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TWO councillors have survived a petition organised by residents which called for

them to stand down.
Over 2,000 people in High Town signed the document, which claimed that Roxanna Whittaker and Malcolm encouraged prostitution in the ward by supporting organisations like Azalea and Addaction that help women who work on the streets.

At a council meeting on Tuesday evening the petition ity does not allow votes of no confidence in councillors.

Shahzad Kadam, organiser of High Town Against Prostitution, said: "Our councillors are not adhering to the principles of public life.

They make out that they are working for residents while they work for organisations that are supporting people who are shaming High Town.

"Azalea and Addaction are supporting street prostitutes while they continue to work on our streets. This is a fact.

"It is ridiculous to think our councillors can represent the

However, Councillor Andrew Malcolm responded: "The petition accuses the council-Ìors of a 'total dereliction of duty'.
"In reality, we have managed

to have a number of affected areas across the ward gated, had areas added to the dawn patrol and organised for the repair of lighting."

During the meeting, councillors discussed the possibility of naming and shaming those caught paying street workers as a way of reducing the problem in the area.

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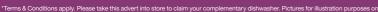
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Natasha in bid for competition crown

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Natasna Zabir, 22, is a minans in the competition, which will take place in Birmingham on Saturday, June 8. If she manages to get through to the next round the model, who studied information systems at the University of Bedfordshire, will compete against women from 90 different countries in the international final.



BEAUTY: Miss Universe hopeful Natasha Zabir

# 'Welfare ghetto' claim challenge by officials

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

LUTON Borough Council officials are questioning a study which claims that more than £5,000 was spent on welfare benefits per head in the town last year.

The figures, which were published by the Centre For Social Justice, concluded that the town spent £5,292 per head between 2011-12, which was the fourth highest in the

country.
CSJ managing director

Christian Guy described areas with such a high spend on benefits as 'welfare ghettos', adding: "People in these adding: neighbourhoods have been consistently written off as incapable and their poverty plight inevitable.
"While some campaigners

accuse this government of being callous for its benefit cap, there has been a much more damaging welfare cap in these communities for years an unjust cap on personal potential.

However, a spokesman for

Luton Borough Council, said: "The authority is only responsible for administering education, housing and council tax benefits, the main out of work benefits are managed by the Department for Work and

Pensions.
"We are unclear regarding what the calculations quoted have been based on.

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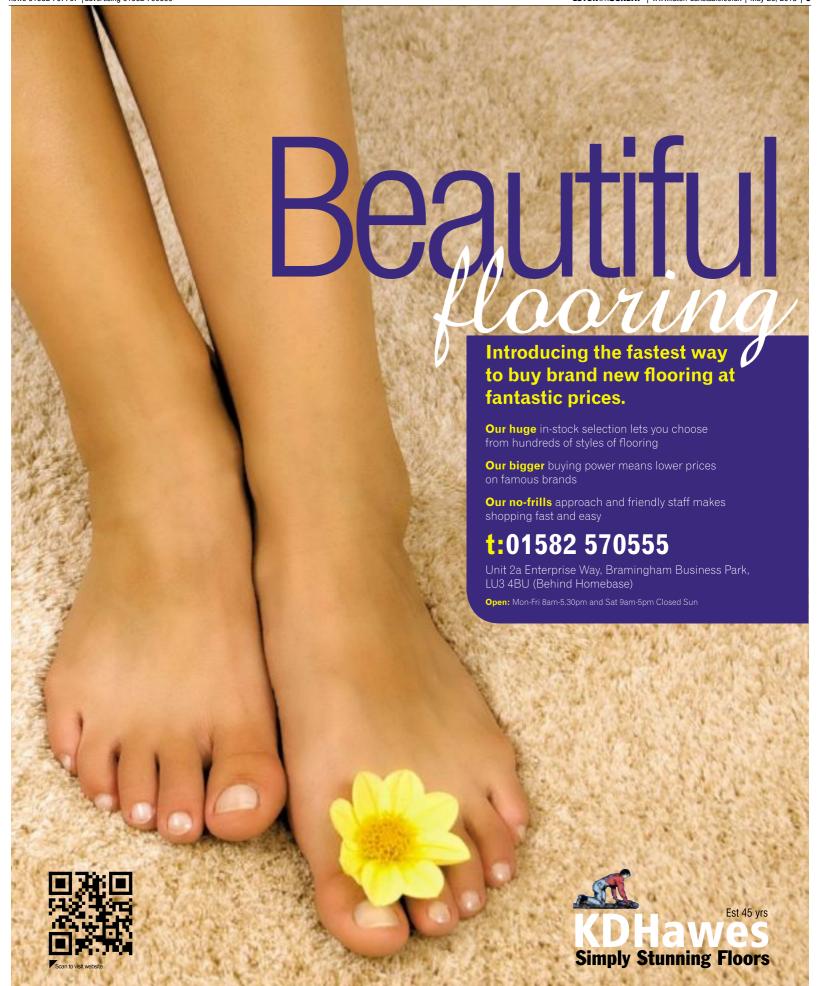
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## No need to react hysterically to gun crime

SIR – I write in response to a letter from your frequent correspondent Mr. (10) May 19). I do not underestimate

the gravity of the recent spate of gun crimes, but little purpose is served by reacting hysterically, except to exacerbate the damage a small been doing to our town's reputation.

When I spoke to people at the Purley Shopping last week, along with Kelvin Hopkins MP and local councillors. I found strong support for the

escalated police response but also a determination that life, as normal, would continue and that a tiny number of gun-toting gangsters will not win

Before January 2013 firearms incidents in the previous three years had been very few in number, however over the years Luton has sadly been afflicted by occasional cycles of serious gun crime.

A previous such cycle ended with the break-up of a criminal drug-dealing gang and long prison sentences for its leading members.
If we can secure the

community co-opera-tion that we saw help achieve the conviction of Kyle Beckford, we can end the current spate in the same way.

In the long term I want to see an end to the cycles of gun crime and serious violence in our

This can be done by ensuring that there is a strong partnership between local commu-nities and their police, and by diverting those young people at risk of becoming offenders, so interrupting their journey to criminality. Olly Martins PCC for Bedfordshire



WORKING: Olly Martins (left) picks up the new PCC logo

## Shooting in rush hour

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@JohnEJefferson: Just saw a gaggle of politicians here. Stable, horse, bolted are just 3 words that come to mind!

#### Visit was worthwhile

SIR - I write in response to Ron Turvey's letter in last week's *Luton on Sunday* about the visit of Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Olly Martins and his deputy Tafheen Sharif to Luton Sixth Form

Mr Turvey questions whether it was really necessary for them to come to the college in person for an "irrelevant photo-shoot".

The visit – organised by Cllr Sharif, a governor of the college – was far from that.

Firstly, they came to thank the two students who had been asked to help design the PCC's new logo

Secondly, they gave a talk to and conducted a question and answer session with a class of government and politics students.

The questions fired at Mi Martins and Cllr Sharif included their thoughts on the level of youth crime in the area, how local communities can work better with the police, and what the PCC was doing to make Luton safer for young people.

Both aspects of their hour-long visit fully demonstrate the PCo and his deputy engaging with young people – surely Mr Turvey would agree this is "something useful"?

This exercise, Mr Turvey estimates, cost the taxpayer at least

As a provider of education and an organisation that is keen to instil a sense of citizenship in its students, then we would argue this was money well spent.

Chris Nicholls, Principal, Luton Sixth Form College

#### Olly is doing a fine job

SIR - Mr Ron Turvey's letter (Luton On Sunday, March 31) commenting on the appointment of a new Chief Constable Bedfordshire stated that Police Commissioner Olly Martins would have a friend 'magically parachuted in to join

his Öllygarchy'.

Nothing could be further from

the truth.

He put the four shortlisted candidates – all senior police offic-ers – through very vigorous interviews before appointing Colette Paul who is currently Deputy Chief Constable of South Wales Police.

In a further letter (LoS, May 19), Mr Turvey questions why the commissioner went to Luton Sixth Form College to collect a 'posh new logo' estimating that the visit cost around £500.

Why would it cost anything for commissioner Martins to thank the students for designing his logo as a college project?

Other police commissioners in the country have used agencies to design logos and branding, but Mr Martins looked for talent within the county that didn't cost taxpayers anything.

Regarding the most serious issue of the recent spate of shootings in the town, the commis sioner has a two-pronged attack

Firstly bringing the current spate of gun violence to an end – and that is why there are armed police patrols.

There were arrests last week and there has also been the successful prosecution of Kyle Beckford

Further arrests for attempted murder have been reported by this newspaper during this week. Secondly, continually tackling

criminality and eradicating gun crime so that an armed police presence on our streets does not become a norm.

Instead of constantly criticising, I hope Mr Turvey will join me in congratulating both the commissioner and the officers of Bedfordshire Police on the superb job they are doing in fighting crime in our county.

Nick Murray, Mullion Close, Luton

#### Listen to the residents

SIR - In my youth I soldiered in Northern Ireland. I saw and was subject to real violence first hand, from shootings to riots.

I also saw families living in

squalor in cold houses with no money, no respect and no hope and there were violent deaths.

Today you can google Clonard Street in Belfast and see new housing, the infamous Falls Road where I was injured is cleaned up, the people have hope

and a better way of life.

Luton now has the need for police armed with H&K weapons and baton guns to keep its streets safe. I did that in 1975!

Does history not teach folk anything? In battery farms they have to clip the beaks of the chickens to stop them fighting, you can't do that in Marsh Farm! Luton is perilously close to being thrown back to Belfast in

Shootings, fear and hatred are not just coming to town, they are here and now. Soon will come

the 1970s

They have been here before! Luton Borough Council should look to the examples of Belfast and Liverpool and other major towns and cities where they have invested in providing better social housing. Life is better, not perfect, but people live as opposed to exist.

You must go back and look at the real grass roots issues that ignite anti-social behaviour, and fan the flames.

As for the young men and women of Marsh and Lewsey Farms, for God's sake LBC, listen to them and act.

They are not just reacting to a 'turf war', they are also partly a symptom of gross under investment and mismanagement of

their needs as human beings.
It is way past time for tearing down the old fashioned battery farms of high rise incarceration.

There is huge under investment in your social housing and infra-

structure, and this may have inadvertently over the years helped breed the hatred and anger currently being seen in the

For heavens sake, go into the underprivileged areas of the community with a blank sheet of paper, no predetermined targets or questions, and read, take note and inwardly digest what the people themselves, young and old, feel that they need.

Then react to what you find in a positive way, give them hope of change and a realistic time-

I wonder if I am not the only person thinking that the Busway's cost of £60m-plus could have been divided equally between Lewsey Farm, Hockwell Ring and Marsh Farm?

Karma! Tony Margiocchi, Address supplied

#### Well done to DJ Wally!

SIR - It was lovely to read about Wally Bennett, the DJ who has spent the last 43 years volunteering for the L&D hospital radio station

What an achievement!

When I was in hospital, the radio provided some much needed relief during a traumatic peri-od. It such is a fantastic service.

I'm sure Wally will be missed but I hope he now enjoys some well earned time off! Stephanie Smith.

SIR - I would to thank those who voted for me at the Wigmore by-election.

I am sorry for the delay in writing, but we did do very well in recent county council elections held in other parts of the UK, with 139 seats won.

Thank you to voters

Lance Richardson. UKIP candidate

#### **New Morrisons store?**

@MartyHowes: The B&Q site may not be the best location. I'd like a Waitrose on Power Court and a Morrisons at Kimpton Road (Napier Park).

#### Welfare spend in area

Stop making it easy for people to live off benefits food vouchers and clothing vouchers. Make what you get on benefits lower than the minimum wage so it's worth working and earning your own money. This may seem harsh but it's the only way Laura O'Donnell Wilkinson – Facebook

I think Luton has a lot more problems at the minute than people on benefits.

Danielle Baker – via Facebook

#### Pledge to clear river

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Then – and this is the hard part – keep that

Andy Clark – via Facebook

Well the council could clear up the dead rats and squashed pigeons that litter the pavement, not to mention the dog muck. And stop removing bins, that might help

Andrea Stobbart – via Facebook

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# Women need freedom to choose not a lecture

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The report says that women are forced down this path because, unlike men, they have to choose between a career and a family. To me, that sounds a bit old-fashioned and increasingly outdated.

So how old is old? Apparently women's eggs are past their sell-by date at 35 and any woman who gives birth after passing their 35th birthday is 'old'

Even at 25, they are considered to be 'mature' mothers. The present Mrs Lowe, who is not old, gave birth to our daughter aged 41.

She already had two other children and a career, so it was not because of society piling on the pressure.

Leicester City had won the League Cup but I don't think that played much of a part...

I believe it to be an enriching and life-affirming decision to have children and, if they are lucky, the parents should be able to choose when it happens. And where, for that matter.

Although it is not always wise to name your child after where he/she was conceived; Brooklyn sounds fine but A421 layby not so grand.

There is a bit of prejudice against older parents - they should know better at their age! - but I am not convinced that there is a lot of pressure from society these days. Maternity and

paternity leave has been increasing these last few years and, in my experience, employers are more understanding of the needs of parents than ever before.

Often, delaying having children is simply a matter of choice as women and men want to have the freedom to do other things.

We live longer and work longer, so having children later could be seen as a natural development. And remember, the optimum age for women to have babies is 15, so be careful what you wish for. N the issue of natural development, a strain of cockroaches that outsmarts the sugar traps used to kill them has evolved

It is a great sign of natural selection as cockroaches that have developed this sense will live, while those that haven't will die. It is also a great sign that, insects are much cleverer than we give them credit for.

I have often thought that once we humans finally become extinct by destroying the world's resources and/or each other, it will not become the planet of the apes, but a more aggressive race. It will be a war between insects and bacteria for global domination.

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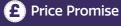
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## Child remains are set to be reburied

BY CARL MUNGAZI

THE skeletal remains of 17th to 19th century children found in a church cemetery are set to be 'reburied respectfully' this week. Remains of eight children,

aged from new born to four vears, were discovered by Albion Archaeology in what is thought to be a small separate cemetery to that of St Mary's Church, Luton.

They were found when the University of Bedfordshire's

Luton Campus Centre was built in 2009 and will be reburied on Thursday at the Crawley Road Cemetery.

Each child was found buried in a separate grave. Coffin nails, mineralised wood and copper alloy pins were also found in many of the graves.

The dig also unearthed part of a castle, built in 1221 belonging to local baron Fulk de Breauté

Wesley Keir, from Albion Archeology, said the skeletons were an 'interesting and unexpected' discovery.

He continued: "Lying outside the formal churchyard of the nearby St Mary's Church, their location is somewhat puzzling, though it's possible that the land had been leased to the church or that the location of the burials reflects social and/or religious mar-

ginality of the time.

"It's pleasing to know they will now be reburied respectfully."

Reverend Andrew Goodman, the chaplain at the university, said 'it was a privilege to be able to honour these children'.

#### Group in charity plaque unveiling A COMMUNITY group has been involved in creating a memorial plaque for the Stephen Lawrence Centre in London Members of the Luton African Caribbean Community Development Forum (ACCDF) visited the centre on Tuesday for its unveiling and met with the mother of Stephen Lawrence. They were joined by representatives from other charities.







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Although they did not know it was the pop star at the time, operations manager Paul McWilliam, said his colleagues treated it like they

would 'any other incident'.
The motorway was shut for hours whilst ERCC operators monitored events and roads connected to the accident on their huge bank of screens.

And it is these huge monitors I am looking at now as Mr McWilliam talks me through the intricacies of the M1 J10-J13 managed motorway scheme that has seen the stretch of road between the two junctions upgraded to the tune of £325million.

The three-year project was completed in December 2012 and one of its main goals was to turn the hard shoulder into an extra lane during peak times through the use of trafric monitoring software and variable speed limits. Mr McWilliam said: "In an ideal world we would like four

This week our reporter CARL MUNGAZI paid a visit to the Highways Agency's East Region Control Centre (ERCC) in Enfield to see how our roads are managed. During the trip he spent time learning about the new M1 managed motorway scheme

lanes but like everything else we've got to make best use of

what we've got.
"And one of the things the managed motorway does is allow traffic to use the hard shoulder when it's required. "In other words we check it

to make sure nobody is using it for a breakdown and we allow traffic to drive.

"So we've increased the capacity of what we've already got at half the price. It's about making best use of what we've got. It also helps me if there's an incident because I can use the extra capacity in the lane

to manage incidents."
Like with most things today it is a technology-based system and relies on a net-

work of 296 CCTV cameras, 387 electronic signs and 150 miles of cables to keep things ticking over. But this has not always led to a smooth operation.

Mr McWilliam said: "There

are times when we cannot open it.
"It is technology based and

technology needs power, and we have experienced a power outage within the Luton area over the last six months which did not then allow us to open the managed motorways.
"I don't know why the power

outage was there but I think houses in Luton or the Dunstable area would probably have been out of power as well. It happens very rarely



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but it happens."
In the future, the Highways Agency has said it wants to increase awareness of the scheme.

Mr McWilliam added: "The system's there, I just think it's about educating drivers about using the hard shoulder when they are supposed to use it. We do get what we call hard shoulder abuse when we have people using it when they are not supposed to be."







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## Open air boxing event announced

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

#### LET'S get ready to rumble!

On Saturday, July 6, Luton's first ever open air boxing exhibition will take place in St George's Square.
With Commonwealth

Champions, Graham Earl and Billy Schwer, hailing from the town and with eight boxing clubs in the area, this event will mark Luton's long standing heritage within the sport. From 4pm on the day, repre-

sentatives from Boxing clubs including Hockwell Ring, Lewsey Farm, Shamrock, Dallow, Strike, Academy Luton and Luton Old Boys, will be on hand to showcase their talents, cheered on by special guests including our very own GB Olympians and World and Heavyweight champions.

The date is also significant,

as it's the anniversary of the Olympic torch coming to the Olympic torch coming to the town and the event provides an opportunity to show the legacy of the London 2012 games is living on.

The Love Luton partnership is supporting this event as part of its community work,

showcasing local talent, cele-



EXHIBITION: Boxers from Hockwell Ring ABC will be on hand to

brating diversity and promot-

ing community cohesion. Andrew McConnell, chairman of Love Luton, said: "We are pleased to be supporting the first of our community events since we relaunched Love Luton earlier this year.

"This event is particularly exciting as it is the first anniversary since the Olympic torch visited our town.

"It also shows how proud the clubs are to be part of this culturally rich and diverse

community and working in solidarity to deliver what will be a spectacular show.'

Limited numbers of tickets are available, so family and friends of the clubs are encouraged to secure their space early and avoid disappointment pointment.

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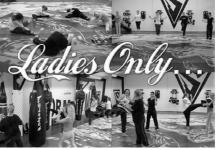
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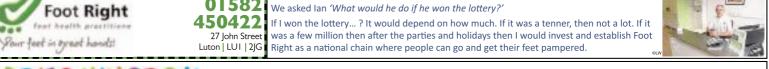
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Javid has worked really hard to develop his business into a chain of day-care Nurseries favourite by our parents. In addition, the company continuously thrives to improve its business practices to ensure that they deliver the best for the children and staff alike. This was recognised in the form of a Good grade by OfSTED in the nursery's first ever inspection and more recently when they achieved the Investor in People award.

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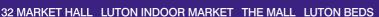












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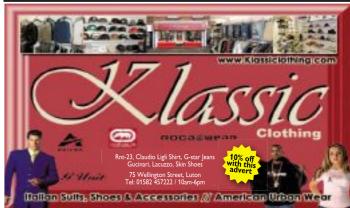




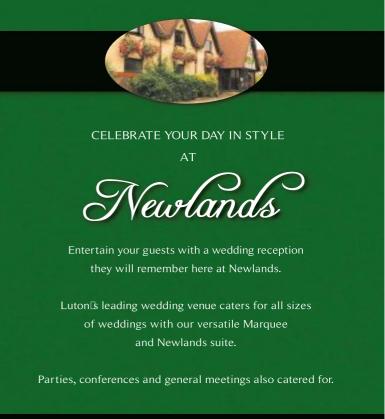




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# Fast & Furious returns to the big screen with a bang

#### **FILM REVIEW**

FAST & FURIOUS 6 (12A)

#### THIS series is quickly turning into

my movie-going guilty pleasure.

I wasn't at all a fan of the first trilogy – which seemed to be squarely aimed at car-lovers and race-junkies – but the franchise has evolved into the leading action thrill-ride of the current genera-

Fast 5 was comfortably the best so far, and this is just about as good – maybe coming a shade under the bar-raising fifth instalment due to it being completely ridiculous. But kind of gleefully so.

After escaping with more than \$100m from Rio, Dwayne Johnson's Agent Hobbs tracks down Dom Torretto to help bring down an elite team – led by ex-Special Forces soldier Owen Shaw – specialising in high-tech vehicular warfare across the globe.

With Brian O'Conner and Mia now sporting a baby boy, this gives Dom and his team – including regulars Roman and Tej – the chance to get back to the States by demanding full pardons for their past 'misdemeanours'.

past 'misdemeanours'.
The twist comes in the form of
Dom's ex, Letty, who has been
enlisted into Shaw's team after
seemingly cheating death from the
fourth part, in a sub-plot that is
nearly as ludicrous as some of the

But in-demand director Justin Lin who was recently linked to a Terminator reboot - again shows he



has an eye for action, by providing a popcorn-crunching summer blockbuster spectacle that does exactly what it promises.

Haywire actress – and former MMA fighter – Gina Carano (as Hobbs' sidekick) gives one of the most wooden performances ever seen, and Johnson - of whom I am a fan - is fast becoming a walking

stereotype (complete with clichéd dialogue), but this Fast and Furious

series just seems to work.

Vin Diesel and his co-stars seem to get more likeable, despite this being the sixth part, and even though the last third is utterly inconceivable, it can't help but put a grin to your face – in the right way. For that reason it is very hard to be

too critical when it ticks all of the high-octane action boxes -Diesel power and then some.

And movie execs know they're onto a good thing – with the seventh instalment on its way as early as next year.

Now that's fast . . . Rating: 4/5 Review by Gavin Miller

## Are you ready to dance along with The Beat?

#### **MUSIC**

The Hat Factory, Luton Saturday, June 15, 7pm

ONE of the biggest bands of the 2-Tone movement, The Beat, bring their ska-fusion rhythms to Luton next month.

The Beat are known the world over for a string of hit singles, including 'Mirror in the Bathroom', 'Too Nice To Talk To', 'Can't Get Used To Losing You', 'Hands Off She's Mine' and 'All Out To Get You'.

Their songs of peace, love and unity fuse ska, pop, reggae and punk rock and their dynamic live show has garnered them a loyal following at home and abroad.

And the line-up features Ranking Roger and Ranking Junior on vocals, Everett on drums plus Andy Pearson, Michael Billingham, Matt Godwin and Steve Harper on sax, keys and guitars.

The Beat was forged out of the West Midlands ska revival scene that also produced The Specials and The Selecter.

Formed in the working class suburbs of industrial Birmingham in 1978, the band arose at a time of high unemployment and social upheaval.

From the outset, the band offered messages of hope and peace with an insight into sociopolitical topics which would later see them heralded alongside The Specials, as forerunners of the whole 2-Tone movement.

They soon become one of the most popular recording and live acts in the UK and performed in world tours with some of the biggest artists of their day, including The Clash, The Police, REM, Talking Heads, The Pretenders and, of course, The Specials.

The group then disbanded in 1983 and only returned in 2003 following numerous offers to make a comeback to the stage.

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## Yoko Ono is a big fan of new guitar band Bo Ningen

#### **MUSIC**

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BEARING more than a passing resemblance to the creepy girl from horror film The Ring, exciting new guitar band Bo Ningen are on their way.

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Having played all over the world, at all sorts of gigs, from music to art and fashion events, this mysterious foursome has also been personally chosen by Yoko Ono to make an appearance at the Meltdown festival this summer

festival this summer.

Having recently collaborated with band of the moment, Savages, these guys are one of the new 'hig deals'.

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# Time for Kung Fu action

#### **SHOW**

The Grove Theatre, Dunstable Saturday, June 15, 7.30pm

NEXT month sees The Shaolin Warriors martial arts spectacle make its way to the Grove Theatre as part of the group's 80-date UK theatre tour.

And the performance is set to make sure Shaolin Kung Fu will be an experience you will not only see with your eyes, but maybe also feel with your heart.

Returning to the stage with a brand new show, this should be a breathtaking theatrical display which vividly showcases the rarely-seen Kung Fu masters' feats of agility, strength and skill.

Featuring Buddhist meditation and rigorous martial arts training, the performance has been described in some quarters as 'an extravaganza of gorgeous scenery, atmospheric music, beautiful lights and hundreds of costumes'.

The Shaolin Warriors has the makings of a spectacular production and is choreographed by the official who was behind the opening ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. It features 22 professionally trained King Elympics and additional of the control of the cont

It features 22 professionally trained Kung Fu masters and audiences of all ages should prepare themselves for a showcase of death defying martial arts disciplines such as chigong and animal imitation boxing with 18 kinds of traditional weapons.

All its attractions make The Shaolin Warriors a must-see for family audiences and martial arts experts alike and is a huge hit in over three continents.

They have also been seen by more than 500,000 people of all ages worldwide.

Tickets for this event cost between £21 and £23.

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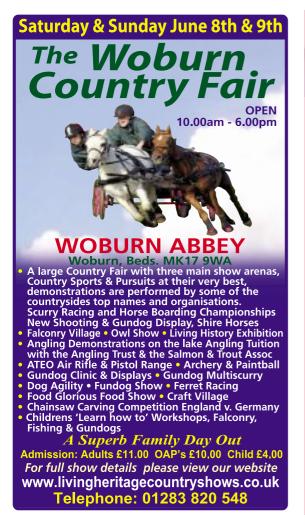
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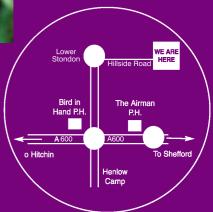
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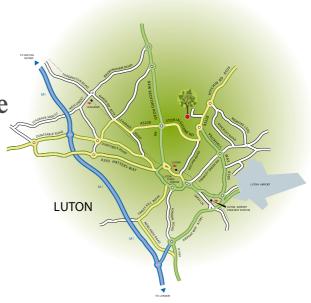


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Due to open its programmes during June and July, we are looking to recruit a dynamic, youth focused team of professionals to develop and build TOKKO and its services to be a leading Luton destination for young people where their talents can be nurtured and developed. Working to develop TOKKO the organisation, together with the Youth Board and the Independent Management Board, the management team of TOKKO will need to develop strong links with the local community to establish a positive and inclusive brand for TOKKO as a leading voice for young people and as a resource for the community.

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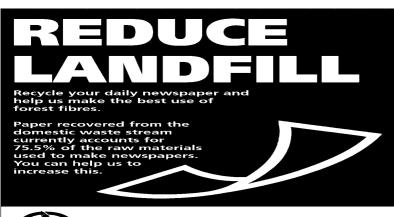
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NOTICE is hereby given that on 20th May 2013 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 for a period of 18 months although it is anticipated work will be completed by 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The purpose of the Order is to enable will be signed locally. The purpose of the Orrder is to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out. The Order will also provide for "No Waiting" restrictions to apply in the road for the period of the closure. This will be in force when signed cones are displayed. Vehicles will be prohibited from accessing and parking on the road with exception to vehicles used by the emergency services and vehicles being used in connection with the works Access will be maintained as heat as nossible with the works. Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

26th May 2013

Highway Services Manager Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
New Bedford Road	From its junction with Inkerman Street to its junction with Telford Way



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#### September 2014 Admission Arrangements

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#### Public Notices

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATED) (AMENDMENT NO.DO) ORDER 2013 NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, proposes to make the abov Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

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A copy of the draft Order, together with plans showing the roads and lengths of roads affected and a Statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at the Parking Shop at the Town Hall, Luton (public entrance on Gordon Street) between 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Objections or representations to the proposed Order should be made in writing to reach the undersigned, quoting reference SG/P1627/Park Town by no later than 17th June 2013

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ

#### THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.DP) ORDER 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, proposes to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The general effect of the Order will be to:

1. revoke all restrictions odd numbered side of Bute Street between its junctions with Silver Street and Guildford Street.

2. introduce Goods Vehicle Only Loading bays as specified in schedule 1 below;

3. introduce waiting restrictions as specified in Schedules 2 and 3 below.

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#### Schedule 3 – Introduce No Waiting At Anytime

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There are some seriously talented rivals not just on the market right now but also being honed by big manufacturers. The 2008 will need to be very good indeed if it's to make its mark. Campaigning on the grounds of subtlety hasn't always worked in the crossover market but if anyone can pull this off, perhaps it's Peugeot. Blending the refined style of old-school Peugeot with the engineering excellence of its latest crop of models might well result in a car to reckon with.



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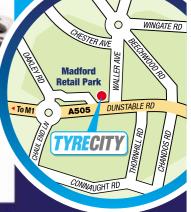
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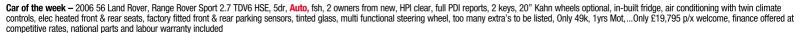
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## Hewitt signs on as county's new skip

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BY LANCE CHRISTOPHER

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BEDFORDSHIRE have appointed former Middlesex and Kent all-rounder Jamie Hewitt as their new captain and coach.

He will take charge for the first time tomorrow when the county take on Cornwall at Cople (11am start) in a MCCA Trophy group match.

Hewitt succeeds Steve Stubbings who has been appointed as a full-time coach at Derbyshire. Stubbings plays his last game for Bedfordshire today against Hertfordshire at Harpenden – a match Bedfordshire have to win to stay in with a chance of qualifying for the quarter

Bedfordshire have played only one group game so far, losing by one wicket to Oxfordshire, who themselves were beaten by Hertfordshire last week.

Those two counties lead the table with four points, but both have already played

three of their games.

Bedfordshire will be without all-rounder Rob Keogh for both of this weekend's fixtures. He is required by fixtures. He is required by Northamptonshire and will be replaced by Ollie Swann today with the team otherwise being unchanged.

team is: Stubbings, Thomas, Thurstance, Reynoldson, Swann.



Weightman, Cherry, Martin, Foster, Griggs, Babar. Hewitt, who lives in Stotfold, will be at

Harpenden to meet the team.

"With such a young squad of players we thought it essential to have someone of experience to lead and coach the side," Bedfordshire secretary Pip August said. "Stubbings has done a marvellous job

preparing the squad over the winter and was an inspiration in our opening match.

"The offer to coach Derbyshire came right out of the blue and it was one he obviously could not turn down.

"Jamie Hewitt was our first choice to

replace him and we are delighted that he has agreed to take charge at such short notice. Another big advantage is that he lives in Bedfordshire."

Hewitt, a right-arm medium pace bowler and left-handed batsman, began his first-class career with Middlesex and took 60 wickets in one season before moving to Kent. In all he has 1,264 first-class runs and 170 wickets to his name.

He has also played 18 Minor Counties Championship matches for Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire scoring 1,065 runs, including three centuries, and taking 29

He is one of four changes to the side for the game at Cople tomorrow. As well as Stubbings, Luke Thomas, Martin Weightman and Ollie Swann are all unavailable and are replaced by Alex Walker, who will be making his debut, Jake Higginbotham and Dan Simpson.

## Nicholls looks to fill the non-playing void

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RETIREMENT is something many people look forward to as they finally slow down and begin to enjoy their lives.

However, footballers view retirement with dread as it leaves a void in their lives that cannot be filled.

Player recruitment is the only thing that comes close to filling the gap for former Luton Town captain Kevin Nicholls.

"I miss playing football too much," he said. "I really struggle if I'm not busy or active. I go to a

dark place and have flashbacks.

"Football leaves you with an empty void and if you don't replace it with something it becomes very hard.

"Nothing beats playing, but being in player recruitment keeps me close to the game that I

The darkness eventually destroyed Nicholls' career as injuries took their toll on the tough tackling midfielder, which were serious enough to leave him as half the player that he once was. In 2001, then Luton manager Joe Kinnear was

persuaded to pay £150,000 to bring him to Kenilworth Road.

What followed was six successful years at the club as Nicholls lead Town's charge up the foot-

He believes the club's fan base and later manager Mick Harford's vision for the team were the driving reasons behind Luton's rise from League Two to the Championship.

"I made my name in football at Luton Town," he said.

"The club is special to me. I fell in love with the fans, staff and my team mates and it was an honour to play for Luton.

"I wasn't amazed by our success as the manager was signing the right players. Once you have the right group of boys you will be successful.

However, success comes with a price and for Nicholls the cost was his health

The midfielder paid the price for his combative style as injuries ruined his spells with Charlton Athletic and Preston North End, and injuries even caused friction in his relationship with the Luton fans.

Frictions which had started to show within the club as financial problems pushed them back down to the fourth tier.

"The final three or four years of my career were difficult," he said.

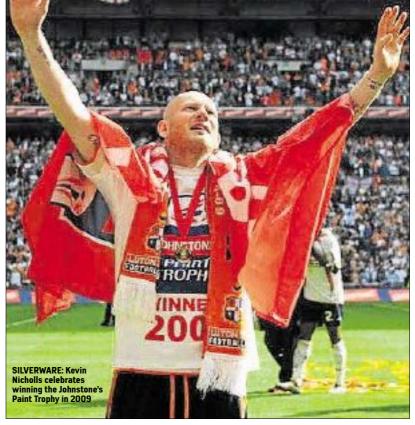
"I was no longer the player I used to be, which forced me to try and change my game.
"I discussed it with Mick, but when I returned

from injury my knee just gave out.
"Mentally my body had been through too much because of the way I'd played football since I was 16.

"It was hard for the fans seeing a different player to the one they remembered, and believe me it was tough for me too."

Nicholls is filled with pain remembering the circumstances which lead to Luton's relegation from the Football League in an eventful 2008/2009 season.

The FA imposed a 30 point deduction upon the club, which effectively sealed their fate and made demotion to the Conference inevitable.



The FA's actions still fill the Luton legend with anger to this day.

"It was a joke what the FA did to us, and we

wanted to ram it back at them, but we fell short, which was a disappointment," said Nicholls.

"We should have avoided relegation. We failed though and that hurts me."

Luton signed off 2009 in style though with the 3-2 victory over Scunthorpe United in the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, giving the club's fans a glorious day out at Wembley.

This occasion was the perfect send off for Nicholls in his final season.

'Winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy was a fantastic achievement," he said.

"It was my last big match that I played in for the club, and what a day to share with our fans it truly was amazing.
"My first spell at Luton was successful, but

winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy is one of the proudest moments of my career."

aying the game was everything to Nicholls and regardless of his injuries he wouldn't change a moment of his time at Luton.

Things these days have changed for the no nonsense ex midfielder, but one team continues to matter to him.

"I played injured too many times for Luton."

"That's why I am now retired, but the Luton boys were a different breed, many of us did the same thing, and I wouldn't change a moment of my time there.'

Nicholls now spends his time involved in player recruitment

"I became involved in player recruitment when my brother set up his own company in 2009," he said.

"I am happy at the moment and enjoy helping

the players."

However, despite being unable to help Luton he strongly believes that the club doesn't belong in non-league football.

"Everyone knows and wants Luton to get back into the Football League," he said.

"I won't return to Luton Town as a coach or manager, but they will always remain in my

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## Any league is fine for Cullen

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Premier League for Hull as a teenager, including a 0-0 draw against Liverpool.

The 21-year-old hopes his experience in the top two leagues can help improve his new club in their quest for promotion

"To get that opportunity early on in my career was unbelievable really," he said.

"To be starting a game against Liverpool against Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher, Pepe Reina, Javier Mascherano, it didn't really sink in.

"Those games were unbelievable games of football but I'm a footballer so it doesn't really matter what league I'm playing in, I'll always get excited.

"I only played a couple of games in the Premier League but I've been at Hull for a while, playing with some top players. "Hopefully I've picked up a bit of knowl-

"Hopefully I've picked up a bit of knowledge off them and hopefully I can bring something to the team that they didn't have last year."

## Sabrina gets Team GB nod

#### **ATHLETICS**

SABRINA Bakare is the latest young athlete to be selected for higher honours after going through Active Luton's developmen-

tal athletics programmes.
The 17-year-old Barnfield West Academy student earned her first Team GB vest competing in the 400m and 4x400m relay at the Loughborough International Athletics Meeting at the weekend.

Sabrina, who competes for Shaftesbury Barnett Athletic Club, has been through the Trust's 'gifted and talented' programme which provides young people with the opportunity to access quality coaching while competing in numerous athletic

events and competitions.
Helen Barnett, Chief Executive at Active Luton, said: "Sabrina is an outstanding talent and an inspiration to young people

"The discipline and commitment she shows in her training is remarkable."

## Reynolds sets his sights on a national title

JORDAN Reynolds is aiming to become a two-time national champion today when he travels to Mansfield to square off with Isaac MacLeod.

The 18-year-old Luton fighter goes into the ABAE under 67kg bout on the back of an incredible run of five knock-outs on five consecutive weekends. Sunderland's MacLeod will be a tough prospect

as he is ranked number two in the world and also has European and Three Nations honours.

Reynolds, however, believes that he can take him down to add to the national title he won in November when he beat Kaseem Mahmood unani-

mously on points in the 63-66kg category.
"I'm the man to beat him," said Reynolds, who fights for London based West Ham ABC.
"With what he's done he can't be a mug, and I feel

like I will be a round down from the start as the fight is in the north.

I'll just have to work harder , but I've been on a roll recently, I haven't lost in my last 17 fights. I need to out-work him."

Reynolds' latest victory came when he knocked out Guernsey's William Le Poullian within one

minute of an extremely one-sided fight.

"I boxed lovely," said Reynolds. "It was the best that I boxed in a long time. "I hit him with a nice left to the body and he just crumbled to the floor."



## Duo to show worth

#### **FOOTBALL**

#### BY DAN PALMER

NEW Luton Town signings Jim Stevenson and Danny Fitzsimons know they have a task on their hands to prove their worth in the pressure environment of Kenilworth Road.

John Still swooped to pluck the duo from Conference North outfit Histon and the expectation levels for the pair will be ramped up a notch now that they find themselves at a club with the Hatters' prestige and ambition.

"I've had a good season but my goal is to improve, impress John Still and get in the

"It's been a great learning curve at Histon and I'm ready for the new challenge at Luton.

"Playing regular football at Histon from such a young age was good way to learn and it made e grow up quickly. "Obviously Luton's a massive club and I know

I've got a lot of hard work ahead of me if I'm going to get in the team.
"Everyone wants to see Luton back in the

league and the mindset is geared towards that, from the manager, the players, the staff and the supporters – and that's a mindset I've now got." Fitzsimons also admitted that he has a chal-

"I've come here to prove that I'm good

enough," he said.
"It's the next step up from the Conference

"Since I first became a professional at QPR there have been a lot of ups and downs and rejections along the way, but I've worked hard, got a lot of experience and now I've come to Luton I want to push on and help the club win promotion.

"The past few years have been a big learning curve for me and I'm looking forward to proving to the manager and the supporters I can do

Still believes that both of the new arrivals could challenge for a first team spot when the new season begins.

## Pakistanis on top after win in Midweek League

#### CRICKET

LUTON Pakistanis lead the way in the Luton Midweek Cricket League Premier Division after their seven wicket victory over Luton CC.

Saghir Nazir made 28 and Owais Shah got 22 as CC were bowled out for 112 in their 16 overs, and Pakistanis cruised past the target, finishing on 114/3 after Ibrar Walayat's unbeaten 63.

Second in the table are Luton United Stars who saw off the challenge of Lions CC by six Lions could only post 106/8 and Zahid Khan made 50 in a successful chase for United, who

finished on 109/4. In the final Premier League contest, Luton Majestics edged past Luton Hawks by seven

Majestics were bowled out for 134 and that

proved to be enough as Hawks were skittled for

In Division One there was a win for Shaheen CC who beat Haidery Tigers by six wickets. Tigers slipped to 108 all out and Shaheen

needed 14.2 overs to cruise home.

Elsewhere, Luton Cricketers eased past AKCC by 44 runs.

Cricketers were restricted to 111/8 but their opponents could only muster 67 in reply.
The Division Two leaders The Saracens 2nd XI

enjoyed a narrow seven run win over Kashmir Cavalliers, set up by 120/6 in the first innings.

Cavaliers lost eight wickets and were restricted to 113 as Saracens emerged triumphant.

Cornered Tigers hammered AKXI by eight wickets after leaving their opponents on just 95/9 when they batted first.

Tigers then needed just 11 overs to reach 96/2 and victory.

In the final game Challney beat Alpha by 67

runs after their opening total of 134/6. Challney didn't get anywhere near in response and were bowled out for 67.
There was also Midweek Cup action this week

with the opening round of matches.

Hairdery Tigers defeated Challney by five wickets as they reached 114/3 in reply to their opposition's 113/5.

A cup win also went to Cornered Tigers who defeated Alpha by three wickets in a low scoring

Alpha were pegged back to just 97/8 and the Tigers made hard work of the reply, eventually edging over the line.

Kashmir Cavalliers conceded against The Saracens 2nd XI, and Luton Cricketers beat AKXI by 45 runs

Cricketers posted 147/8 which was too much for AKXI who slipped to 102 all out in response.

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## Still's left his Mark on striker

#### FOOTBALL

BY LUKE PETERSON

LUTON Town's biggest signing of the summer, Mark Cullen, has hailed John Still's influence in bringing the former Premier League player to Kenilworth Road.

The former Hull City striker signed for the Hatters just over a week ago, prompting Still to express his shock at having got his man to drop down to Conference level.

Cullen is adamant that Still's honesty outshone any sacrifice in league status.

"He made it quite clear to me how much he wanted to bring me into the club and when you hear that as a player you know you're wanted," said Cullen. "He said from the off that he was very interested in bringing me to the club. He's been watching me for a while. "It's a club that's on the up; we

should be pushing for promotion.
"I wanted to be a part of it as soon as

he described to me what the project at the club was.

Cullen was plying his trade at relegated Stockport County at the back end of last season, even playing in two 1-0 losses against the Hatters

He says his time there set the wheels

rie says nis time tnere set the wheels for his transfer to Luton in motion.
"I went to Stockport to put myself in the shop window," said Cullen. "I've known for a couple of months I would be leaving Hull.
"The manager's first and the says in the says and the says in the says and the says in th

"The manager's first game was against us and after that my agent said to me 'look, they were impressed'.

"After the Conference season finished, my agent said 'they've been on

again, they want to meet up'.
"Me and my agent drove down to the ground, had a little look around and a talk to the manager. He [Still] said the interest was there, it was very strong. Cullen played three times in the

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LEAVING: Dan Walker scoring against Dorchester Town in the FA Trophy.

## Walker's the latest to get the axe as boss continues Hatters rebuild

STRIKER Dan Walker is the latest player to be culled by Luton Town manager John Still. The 23-year-old has not been

offered a new contract and will head to the exits after three seasons at Kenilworth Road

He signed from Bedford Town in

appearances for the Hatters, making his debut in a 3-0 victory over AFC Wimbledon.

Walker, who was also loaned to Eastbourne Borough, Cambridge United, Southport and Braintree Town, found the back of the net five times during his tenure at Luton, with four of those strikes coming in

His tally included a brace in the FA Trophy replay victory against Dorchester Town. He is the latest in a long list of players to depart the club as Still continues to mould his squad ahead of his first full season.

Previous manager Paul Buckle said Walker was the 'most unorthodox player he had worked with'.

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